

The Napa Rotagram

November 11, 2009



Visiting Rotarians



Two visiting Rotarians with mystery classifications came from Napa Sunrise, Debby Wheeler and Colleen Clark. From Firebaugh came Eda Bean, a soybean grower.

Thought for the Day

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be



directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country."

- George Washington

A visiting Rotarian, **Dr. Dwight Murray**, was mentioned on the Napa Valley Register's front page today. There was also a good showing of the **Wolfe family** today. Larry brought his wife, Linda, Son Andrew, Daughter Lorie and Son-in-Law, Marlin Mezquita. **Ira C. Smith**, KVON sports announcer, as well as **Marty James**, Sports writer for the Napa Valley Register were also present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, we observed Veteran's Day with inspirational moments where we expressed our gratitude to our troops overseas and to our veterans who have sacrificed so much in the past.

As a Salute to All Veterans Please wear this pin proudly!



The Raffle is up to \$750. Larry Wolfe had the winning number, but his good fortune fizzled out from there.

Meeting Schedule coming up ...

Next Week – Scientipid & Kids Gourmet

November 25 - The joint meeting with our Kiwanis friends. For some unintelligible reason, we are serving the wine again.

December 2 – Our own Joe Dacanay on Burning Man!

December 9 – Gary Rose on the Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans.

December 16 - We will be serenaded by the Napa High School Choir.

December 23 - meeting will be in the evening, at the Napa Valley Wine Train Commissary at 8th Street & Soscol.

For other events visit the Calendar section of our website at:

<http://www.naparotary.org/calendar.php>



On January 23, Rotarians will get together for a Crab Feed at the Boys and Girls Club on Pueblo.

Jeff Erickson will show us a DVD describing the good deeds of the Salvation Army. Soon the bell ringing schedule will be out. We have a fabulous location right in front of Trader Joe's.



Steve Orndorf discussed the Pathway Home activities. Consider to join the Veterans on a bowling expedition at Napa Bowl on Monday evenings. Get to know the Pathway Home residents better. Don't worry about your bowling game. The others are not very good yet.

The Pathway home residents need pillows. If you can drop off a few, it will be appreciated.



More...

As we did last year, please consider baking pies again to be delivered on Thanksgiving Day. Please bring the pies to our meeting on November 25 (the day before Thanksgiving). Whatever you can bake, the Veterans are sure to eat it!

Greg Cole of Celadon and the Chop House has donated meals to the veterans, as have the owners of Bouchon in Yountville. Please thank them if you see them.

There are Pathway Veterans who wish to be hired for weekend work. If you need a capable worker, please contact Bruce for details.

There will be another graduation from Pathway Home before the end of this year. Please consider attending when the date has been set. It is a very emotional and meaningful experience.



Paul Harris Fellows



A new Paul Harris fellow has joined our ranks: Marlin Mezquita, Larry Wolfe's nephew, was the latest recipient. Larry has now funded his 5th Paul Harris award.



Enthusiastic applause was offered in recognition of the efforts on behalf of the Queen of the Valley Foundation – Jim Tidgwell, Gary Rose, John Emory, Ed Barwick (Gasser Foundation) and Dr. Dwight Murray.



Our Speaker ...

John Glaser introduced the principals Napa and Vintage High Schools. We can never underestimate the impact sports have in the lives of high school students. In their future lives, these students will work for employers who are looking for problem solvers, good communicators – life skills they learn on the football field. Napa and Vintage High Schools are standing shoulder to shoulder to ensure that we are cutting edge.



Craig Lewis and **Barbara Franco**, principals of Vintage and Napa High Schools, respectively, explained how the dedicated athletes on the football field are also successful in the classroom. Their students will go out into the community with valuable academic and leadership skills.

The football game on Friday the 13th is an electrifying event bringing together the sports enthusiasts in Napa County. We are very grateful to Piner's Ambulance Service to provide a comforting presence there. Thank you for arranging it, **Stu Slipiec!**

We also heard from the coaches, **Troy Mott** for Napa and **Billy Smith** for Vintage, who all agreed that the foundation for success is planning, conditioning, and execution. Perseverance the most important trait – stick with it even when things get rough!



Both High Schools were kind enough to donate field passes. They were auctioned off for a nice price to **Brenda Speth** and **Phil Champlin**. The proceeds will be distributed to each school's athletic program.

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Rotary's own **Ed Barwick** has been the announcer for every other game since 1962.

November 13 will be the last game at the "as is" stadium. It will undergo a serious renovation. Next year's game could be played on Astroturf. One of the players commented that there is nothing better than REAL grass stains on the uniform.

